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Aruba Heart Association announces second symposium:

"Your Heart is in Your Hands"

On Saturday, September 22, the Aruba Heart Association has organized their second health symposium, titled "Your Heart is in Your Hands," at the Crystal Theater in the Renaissance Mall in Oranjestad. Six heart specialists, three from the U.S. and three from Colombia will be guest speakers for the event, which will begin at 9:00 AM and finish at 4:00 PM.

After an official welcome from Mrs. Valma Daal, President of the AHA and Dr. Jaime Falconi, Medical Director of the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, the first speaker will



Hakop Hrachian Haftevani



Dr Marcus St John

be Dr. Marcus St. John, of Baptist Health of South Florida, Miami. His topic will be "Chest Pain.-Is it the heart?" He will be followed by Dr. Hakop Hrachian Haftevani, also of Baptist Health, speaking on "Syncope (fainting) as a Cardiac Symptom."

Following a break, lectures will continue with the final specialist from Baptist Health, Reginald LaRoche, with a discourse on "Cardiac Rehabilitation." After the third presentation, there will be a lunch break, with the speakers from Colombia, Curacao and Aruba taking up the afternoon sessions.

Topics after lunch will be "Heart Failure Management", "Cardiovascular Prevention", "Electro- Physiologic Manage-

ment" and "Edema of the Lower Limbs." Speakers from Colombia are Dr. Jose FFP Saaibi Solano from Fundacion Cardiovascular in Bucaramanga, Dr. Nilson Lopez Ruiz of the Pablo Toban Uribe Hospital in Medellin, Dr. Luis Fernando Pava from Fundacion Valle de Cardio Lili in Cali and Dr. Jean-nouel van Leeuwen, Vascular Surgeon with SEHOS, Curacao.

Tickets for the event are on sale at the offices of Drs. Boderie, Cheung, and Wever, in San Nicolas, or Dr. van Leeuwen and Dr. Angela. They are 35 Aruban florins, (\$20.) and will include two coffee breaks and a healthy lunch. For more information and to obtain tickets call: 582-HART or 582-4278.

by Rosalie Klein

Dutch PM Rutte starts tough task of choosing coalition



THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch Liberal Prime Minister Mark

Rutte yesterday began hammering out behind closed doors, the coalition he will lead after receiving a solid mandate to battle Europe's debt crisis.

Rutte's ruling VVD won Wednesday's election with 41 seats, just two more than centre-left Labour, at the expense of anti-Europe populist parties like Geert Wilders' far-right party, which suffered a humili-

ating defeat, and far-left Socialist leader Emile Roemer who made no gains.

"As leader of the largest party I feel a particular sense of responsibility and therefore I don't want to comment," on coalition-forming, the premier told public broadcaster NOS after the first meeting of his own parliamentary group.

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Random drug tests continue for public transport

ORANJESTAD -- Since November 2010 the government introduced a new policy by means of a Ministerial decree to improve the security and quality in our public transport.

Drug tests are mandatory for those holding permits to operate public transport vehicles. These are urine/blood tests that are required when prolongation of permits are presented, or in the event of the transfer or renovation of these permits.

What's more, the Department of Public Transport (DTP), the former DOPV, can

request spot drug tests for any person holding a permit. This measure is simply to ensure safety in our traffic and to elevate the quality of our public transport.

Persons who are responsible for the lives of others (passengers) must be attentive at all times and complying with the rules of traffic. They must avoid the use of illegal substances and also pass a drugtest.

Should a permit holder be tested positive for the use of drugs, his permit will be immediately revoked, as he will

be considered a danger to the security and safety of the traffic and passengers. As of the introduction of this policy, there has been only one case where a permit holder was discovered under the influence of drugs. Obviously, his permit was revoked immediately.

DTP will continue this policy and will continue sending permit holders for blood tests in a spot check fashion. This means that the tests will not be announced and that the person would be required to do the test on the spot as directed by the Director of the Department.



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AHATA's environmental committee's next project

ORANJESTAD -- On Wednesday afternoon in a press conference, AHATA's Environmental Commission announced their next project. For the past 11 years, the Environmental Commission of AHATA has been organizing a National cleanup of our coastal areas. The goal of this project is to clean up our coastal areas and beaches around the entire island. At the same time, they use this project to collect funds to cover the expenses involved in the clean up and conservation awareness campaign.

This year they will be cleaning up the following coasts: Nikki Beach up to the Wilhelmina Park, Parke Arikok, Wariruri, Baby Beach, Bachelors Beach, Boca Grandi, Grapefield, Zeewijk Beach, Mangel Halto, Santo Largo, the area between Bushiri Beach and Tamarijn Beach, Eagle Beach, Arashi, California Dunes, Anaboei, and the Alto Vista area.

The date for the cleanup action is set for: Saturday, November 10th from 8:00 in the morning to 11:00 o'clock. They are counting on the assistance from various schools, hotels, and organizations.

The very last day to register to help is Friday, October



26th (for schools, the last day to register is October 12th).

AHATA's clean up commission is counting on the cooperation of the entire Aruban community, our schools, organizations, church groups, banks, scouts, etc., to come out and lend a hand. Many hands will make light work! They also need volunteers with pick-ups, trucks with u-hauls to help gather the bags with trash to be deposited into the larger containers.

The Commission also informs that for every empty Balashi Chill bottle brought to the Carry Out of Brouwerij Nacional Balashi, you will receive Afls.4.80 cash. During

the month of November the Brouwerij Nacional Balashi will donate one Aruban florin for every case of empty bottles submitted, to the AHATA Commission.

This 11th cleanup action of our coast and fundraiser cannot be possible without the help of sponsors and instances that lend their support every year. Companies and instances like: SERLIMAR, Parke Arikok, Koninklijke Marine, Boogaard Assurantien, Ecotech, Andina Ice, SETAR N.V., Oduber Agencies, Visser Trading, De Palm Tours, Arubus, Deals on Wheels, ECA, and AHATA, and their main sponsor...Coca Cola/Balashi. Of course, all the participants, schools, hotels and organizations all provide tremendous support. The Y, too the media plays a pivotal role in getting the word out.

For more information on this important yearly clean up action, please call Vanessa or Nabila at AHATA, Tel. 582-2607 or via email at vanessa@ahata.com.

Let's keep our lovely island clean, for ourselves and for our future generations!

AHATA's message to the Aruban community is: **Reduce, Recycle, Re-use!**

Reportedly, the Dr. Edward Cheung Center for Innovation will soon be outfitted with solar panels on its roof. ELMAR has already begun the process of installing these solar panels.

Last week in the conference room at the illustrious Center, the contract was signed between the government of Aruba, ELMAR NV and Oskomera for the construction of a solar park on the parking lot at the Aruba Airport.

This new solar park is reportedly going to generate 3.3 megawatts, which they say is the equivalent of energy for 1500 family dwellings. This project is supposedly designed to propel Aruba into succeeding in her goal to become totally 100% independent of



fossil fuels.

The solar panels to be installed on the roof of the Dr. Edward Cheung Center are identical to those installed on the roofs of the homes in the Juana Morto Complex. Before flipping the switch on these panels, they say that they will first conduct a test run.

FMAA holds International Congress on Aruba!

ORANJESTAD -- The Fundacion pa Maneho di Adiccion Aruba (foundation for the Management of Addiction Aruba) FMAA, is the foundation in charge of the management of different corrective institutions being subsidized by the government of Aruba. These institutions are dedicated to the care of addicts and that which has to do with the problem of addiction on the island.

FMAA is intent on exploring the possibilities for elevating and expanding the quality of care in the field of addiction. It is in this context that they have established a cooperation and have received support from the ParnassiaBavoGroep. The

ParnassiaBavoGroep is a large professional institution in Holland well recognized for the prevention, clinical treatment, and psychiatric treatment of all sorts and types of treatment in the field of addiction.

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San Nicolas responds positively to new Health Bus



ORANJESTAD -- Last week the San Nicolas community warmly received a visit from the newly introduced government Health Bus which provides various outpatient health test services, such as a glucose level tests, and blood pressure tests. The Health Bus will be visiting different barrios. The citizens of San Nicolas came out in large numbers to the Bus. Many claimed that they had never before had this kind of service in their barrio.

On Wednesday, the Health Bus was at the Banco di

Caribe in Oranjestad from 9:00 o'clock in the morning to 2:00 pm. They intend to make a tour completely around the island as a test run, after which they will extend their 'visiting' hours. The Bus has a team of Wit Gele Kruis (White Yellow Cross) professionals on board, nurses and nutritionists. The purpose of the Health Bus is to conduct test screening on chronic diseases and to also promote health and the importance of self care.

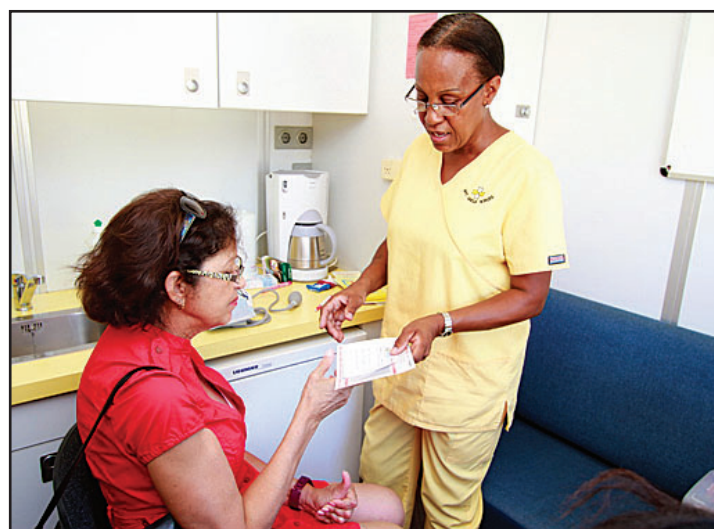
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everyone, senior citizens, workers, children, everyone to come out and take the tests for their health. The service is completely FREE and will serve as a means to detect the health level of our community. A test on the Health Bus will help determine whether you need to see your doctor for treatment of what could be a serious health situation.

Fred Duinker was among one the first to enter for his checkup. He encourages everyone to make good use of the service.

On the day that the Health Bus arrived in San Nicolas, Nidia Rodriguez was not feeling well and she immediately took advantage of the opportunity to do the health test. She reported that the service she received was excellent. The advice she received from the professionals on board, she said, she will use to reduce her weight to have better health and a better lifestyle.

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Guatemala's volcano erupts, thousands evacuated

GUATEMALA CITY (AFP) - Guatemala's Volcano of Fire had its strongest eruption in a decade yesterday, prompting the evacuation of around 1,500 families, officials announced.

The eruption created massive columns of smoke that could be seen from the capital,

some 75 kilometers (46 miles) away. Rumbles were heard for several kilometers around.

"This type of eruption is stronger than normal and has not been seen in recent years. That's why we have declared an orange alert" in the area around the volcano, in western

Guatemala, Gustavo Chigna, of the Vulcanology Institutesaid.

The strong explosion had buried in ash several villages near the 3,763-meter (12,345-foot) tall volcano while ash had spread up to 12 kilometers (seven miles) to the west and northwest of the volcano.

Big wins at Stellaris Casino with Progressive Bingo Jackpot



Big wins and happy faces at the Stellaris Casino on September 9th during the Feel Good Bingo event. After 12 months the Progressive Bingo Jackpot fell with the amount of 175,405.25 Aruban florins.

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cluding the Progressive Jackpot, Golden & Silver Power Ball that also includes a progressive jackpot.

The Stellaris Casino introduces in the month of September more brand new slots machines! The Bally's new Premium Game Playboy, completely touch screen, the IGT 3D display Pink Diamonds and the first truly competitive slot experience Pirate Battle, only available at the Stellaris Casino. These Pirate Battle slots will have you jumping out of your seat and feel like you're in a real battle.

For upcoming specials and promotion, please visit the Stellaris Casino Facebook page or www.stellariscasino.com to stay updated.

FMAA International Congress...

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Aruba has not had a congress on this issue for many years. And, the government is very pleased to present this new opportunity to our professional community – an international congress on the field of addiction. They are extremely happy for the support and cooperation from the ParnassiaBavo Groep. FMAA is now a proud partner of this institution and is proud to be able to participate in such a high caliber congress.

During the congress, our local professionals will interact and present their experiences with the international and local invitees. The congress is scheduled to take place from September 26 to 28 in the ballroom of the Westin Hotel.

A few aspects of the congress are: the influence of the problems of addiction on the community and on our tourism, local statistics and other data presented by the University of Aruba, the prevention of drugs and addiction, addiction and the justice system, exchange of professional information, and the possibility for working together with international institutions in our region.

The congress is directed to, among others, professionals working directly or indirectly in the field of prevention or rehabilitation, those employed in the social field, psychologists, teachers, medical practitioners, representatives of justice, all foundations and organizations offering care/help services in one way or the other.

To participate or to receive more information, go to the website and register at: www.congresverslavin-garuba2012.com or contact the FMAA at tel. 583-3444.



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"I'm calling for radio silence," he said when asked if had spoken to his most likely main coalition partner, Labour leader Diederik Samsom.

The election success of Rutte's VVD, closely followed by rising star Samsom's PvdA, means that the new coalition will be moderate and marks a victory for parties committed

to debt-busting austerity.

The vote reflected the Netherlands' commitment to its enduring relationship with Europe and will keep the eurozone's fifth largest economy closely allied with economic powerhouse Germany.

If the two main parties agree an alliance, the VVD and Labour would have 80 seats, a

majority in the 150-seat parliament but the coalition would likely want more partners.

Party chiefs met parliamentary speaker Gerdi Verbeet earlier yesterday to decide on how best to form the next government, a parliamentary source close to the Liberals who asked not to be named told AFP.

The Dutch parliament after-

wards appointed current Social Affairs Minister Henk Kamp on Rutte's recommendation to mediate the delicate process of finding consensus among parties to cobble together a new government. But it will take weeks if not months for a new government to be agreed.

Nevertheless, VVD leaders have not yet publicly extended

a hand to the PvdA, and the VVD mayor of The Hague, Jozias van Aartsen, insisted it would be difficult for the parties to work together.

Wilders, who brought down the last government in April after refusing to approve an austerity-driven budget, is not expected to play any role in this coalition.

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International news

Clinton slams anti-Islam video as 'disgusting'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton yesterday condemned an amateur anti-Islam film which has sparked violent Middle East protests, stressing the US government had nothing to do with it.

"To us, to me personally, this video is disgusting and reprehensible. It appears to have a deeply cynical purpose, to denigrate a great religion and to provoke rage," Clinton said. "The United States government had absolutely nothing to do with this video. We absolutely reject its content and message."

She also reiterated: "There is no justification, none at all, for responding to this video with violence."

Condemning the violence, Clinton said at the launch of a strategic dialogue between the US and Morocco that all "leaders in government, leaders in civil society or religious leaders must draw the line at violence."

Addressing complaints that America did nothing to stop such videos and anti-Islamic messages ever seeing the light of day, Clinton upheld the US Constitution and the First Amendment guaranteeing the freedom of speech.

"Our country does have a long tradition of free expression, which is enshrined in our

constitution and in our law," she said. "We do not stop individual citizens from expressing their views no matter how distasteful they may be."

"There are of course different views around the world about the outer limits of free speech and free expression. But there should be no debate about the simple proposition that violence in response to speech is not acceptable."

Mystery has deepened over the film, with conflicting accounts from backers and promoters but no one owning up to having actually directed it.

US media initially cited someone claiming to be an American-Israeli and calling himself Sam Bacile as saying he made the film on a \$5 million budget with the help of 100 Jews, but no record of such a person has been found.

But journalists today gathered outside the home of Coptic Christian, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, after reports he had directed the movie. He has been put under police protection.

Coptic Christians have been accused of promoting an Arabic-adapted version of the English-language film in Egypt, where clips were shown on an Egyptian television channel at the weekend, apparently setting off the protests.

Protesters shot dead as mob storms US embassy in Yemen

SANAA (AFP) - Yemeni police yesterday shot dead four protesters and wounded 34 others when they opened fire on a crowd attempting to storm the US embassy in Sanaa to protest a film mocking Islam, a security official said.

Witnesses said that police forces fired live rounds of tear gas to disperse hundreds of protesters as troops were deployed on rooftops of buildings surrounding the mission.

The State Department said all of the US staff at the embassy in Yemen were safe, where witnesses reported that roads leading to embassy were closed down as the area was calm later in the evening.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said that "we are doing everything we can to protect safety and security of personnel," adding that Yemeni President Abdrabuh Mansur Hadi had pledged his government would not tolerate violence.

Hadi apologised to his US counterpart Barack Obama and the American people for the acts of a "mob" and ordered a probe.

"Those who are behind the attack are a mob that are not aware of the far-reaching plots of Zionist forces, especially those who made a film insulting the prophet," said Hadi.

The violent protests in

Sanaa come two days after four Americans, including the ambassador, were killed when a Libyan mob attacked the US consulate in Benghazi, and protesters in Cairo attacked the US mission there and tore down the Stars and Stripes, replacing it with a black Islamic flag.

Libya's Prime Minister Mustafa Abu Shagur told AFP yesterday that a "big advance" has been made in the probe into the deadly attack on the US consulate in Benghazi.

US officials are investigating the possibility that the assault was a plot by Al-Qaeda affiliates or sympathisers, using the protest against the film as a cover to carry out a coordinated revenge attack on Tuesday's anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States.

Yesterday, protesters were back outside the US mission in Cairo. Police used tear gas as they clashed with a stone- and bottle-throwing crowd.

Protests against the film were also held in several other Arab and Muslim countries.

In the Tunisian capital, police fired tear gas to disperse a crowd of several hundred.

About 500 demonstrators gathered near the US embassy in Kuwait waving a black Al-Qaeda flag in protest at a film mocking Islam.

The protesters gathered around 500 metres away from the US embassy after police forces, heavily deployed in the area, stopped them from reaching the mission.

The demonstrators were joined by five Islamist lawmakers as they called for expelling the US ambassador in the Gulf country.

In other Muslim countries, security measures have tightened around US missions. Several governments tried to block internet access to the controversial film.

Meanwhile, in Washington, The United States yesterday downplayed the notion of a major reframing of Egypt policy, following President Barack Obama's comment that the country was now neither a US ally nor a foe.

The comment appeared to reflect changing assumptions on the Middle East in the US government, which has seen decades-old allies swept away in the Arab Spring to be replaced by less sympathetic but more representative governments.

Morsi then said yesterday that foreign diplomats in Egypt should be kept safe, but also slammed a US-made amateur movie deemed insulting to Islam which has sparked fury and violence in Egypt, Libya and Yemen.



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UN nuclear agency board admonishes Iran over uranium enrichment program

VIENNA (AFP) - The UN atomic agency's board yesterday approved with a crushing majority a resolution criticising Iran brought by world powers that was also aimed at dissuading Israel from military action.

The resolution expresses "serious concern that Iran continues to defy" UN Security Council resolutions for it to suspend uranium enrichment, a process which can be used for peaceful purposes but also in a nuclear weapon.

It also highlights the International Atomic Energy Agency's complaint that activities at the Parchin base near Tehran, where it suspects nuclear weapons research took place, would "significantly hamper" inspectors -- should Iran let them visit.

The resolution was introduced at the meeting of the IAEA's 35-nation board of governors after days of haggling between Western nations and

Russia and China, which are seen as more lenient on Tehran.

It was approved by 31 countries, with Cuba voting against and Egypt, Ecuador and Tunisia abstaining, all four of them members of the Non-Aligned Movement of which Iran is currently the rotating president. Another NAM member, South Africa, had introduced an amendment on a minor change of wording that however resulted in several hours' delay.

Iran insists its expanding atomic program is for peaceful purposes, but since the IAEA says repeatedly that it is unable to vouch for this, the UN Security Council has passed six resolutions against Tehran, four with sanctions attached.

The United States and the European Union have also imposed additional unilateral sanctions that have hit Iran's vital oil exports hard, and EU foreign ministers said last

weekend they are considering additional measures.

The IAEA resolution, the 12th in nine years, stops short of a referral of Iran to the Security Council. But it was significant that Western nations were able to get Moscow and Beijing on board, and at a time of heightened speculation that Israel, the Middle East's sole if undeclared nuclear-armed state, might bomb Iran, analysts say.

The resolution "reflects the desire of member states to underscore that diplomacy is paramount and it warns Israel in two separate paragraphs that the diplomatic process should be supported," Mark Hibbs from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace told AFP.

Israeli frustration has grown at what it sees as a failure by the international community to take seriously the threat posed by Iran or to stop it inching ever closer to "break-out capacity."

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International news

Reports: Experts say cruise giant failed to act in shipwreck

ROME (AFP) - Europe's biggest cruise operator Costa Crociere may have failed to act promptly in the Costa Concordia disaster, according to a pre-trial report that still heaped much of the blame on the ship's captain.

The report, which was leaked in the Italian press yesterday, was commissioned by the judge investigating the tragedy which claimed 32 lives when the giant ship with 4,229 people on board hit rocks on January 13.

Nine people are under investigation for the shipwreck off the island of Giglio, including captain Francesco Schettino and three Costa executives.

One of the three executives is Roberto Ferrarini, Costa's fleet crisis coordinator, who

was in regular contact with Schettino that night.

The report said Ferrarini "did not appear to have the real pulse of the conditions on the ship" despite having all the important information at his disposal after it hit the rocks, an extract from the report said.

The experts said that after Ferrarini was informed by the captain that three compartments were flooded "he should have promptly suggested to the captain to abandon the ship because its stability had been compromised."

The order finally came almost half an hour after Ferrarini was informed.

Costa Crociere said in a statement that "the law provides that in the event of an accident, the obligation to inform the authorities is up to the captain."

"The communication made by the master to the crisis department were on the whole not timely, partial and confused, not allowing it to scale a clear perception of the seriousness of what was actually happening," it added.

The report also highlighted the language barrier between crew members, particularly between the captain and the Indonesian helmsman who at one point before the crash appeared to veer to the right despite being told to go left.

The report quoted the captain urging the helmsman to be more careful after one order that was misunderstood, adding: "Otherwise we go on the rocks".

The research was based on black box data, recordings of conversations on board and an analysis of nautical maps and the actual route of the ship.

Schettino still appears to carry most of the blame according to the report, firstly for performing a risky "salute" manoeuvre close to Giglio and then by delaying the order to abandon the ship until more than an hour after the crash.

Pussy Riot members announce new protest

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia's Pussy Riot punk group plans a new protest in Russia despite the jailing of three of its members for a performance against Vladimir Putin in an Orthodox cathedral, band members said yesterday.

"We first of all want to do a new protest finally, so that we have something to talk about," two band members, who gave their nicknames 'Balaclava' and 'Tomcat', told the Russian service of Radio Liberty. Both wore home-made balaclavas.

The members of the all-women group, which has a fluid line-up, were speaking as bandmates Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, Yekaterina Samutsevich and Maria Alyokhina prepare to appeal their two-year sentence.

A Moscow court jailed them last month for hooliganism motivated by religious hatred.

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Amnesty International condemns Italy over Roma

ROME (AFP) - Amnesty International called on Italy's Prime Minister Mario Monti's government to reform laws and policies affecting the Roma community in Italy, saying they fail to respect human rights.

"Forced evacuations are happening all the time without any consultation or without alternative housing being proposed," said Elisa De Pieri, a researcher at Amnesty, referring to the closure of facilities set up for Romas.

A survey carried out by the interior ministry in Italy's biggest cities -- Rome, Milan and Naples -- in 2008 found

there were a total of more than 12,000 Roma living in 167 camps of which 124 were illegal and 43 legal.

Amnesty Italy president Christine Weise said the government should respect its own "national strategy on the inclusion of Roma" to improve living conditions for the Roma, which was presented to the European Union in February.

In many cases, the expulsions force Romas to live in even more precarious and insanitary conditions than in the temporary housing facilities.

Amnesty also called on the European Commission to open an investigation into violations

of anti-racism laws against Italy over its treatment of the Roma.

"This government does not have the courage to make a break with the previous government and is not respecting its commitments in Brussels," said Amnesty official Giusy D'Alconzo, referring to Silvio Berlusconi's previous government.

Carlo Stasolla, head of another non-governmental group helping the Roma community, said that local authorities in Rome alone have spent seven million euros (\$9.0 million) over the past three years expelling Roma.



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Health & Living

Belgian euthanasia law allows first death of a prisoner



BRUSSELS (AFP) - A gravely ill prisoner serving a long jail sentence has become the first inmate to die under Belgian euthanasia laws introduced 10 years ago, press reports said Thursday.

The man, who was not identified, died earlier this year after seeking permission several times when doctors decided his suffering could not be helped, the reports said.

They gave no details of his illness or the circumstances of his case.

Another prisoner, locked up for 27 years for committing two murders, has also asked for permission to die and should satisfy the legal condi-

tions, Flemish television channel VTM said.

After the Netherlands, Belgium was the second country in the world to legalise euthanasia in 2002.

Last year, some 1,133 cases -- mostly for terminal cancer -- were recorded, about one percent of all deaths in the country, according to official figures.

The issue is very controversial and most countries forbid mercy killing but some allow "passive" euthanasia when a doctor is not required to fight to save a life and there are others where patients can refuse medical care.



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Sci-Tech

New nano-code ups the fight against counterfeiters



PARIS (AFP) - Scientists on Wednesday reported they had invented an invisible tag using the widely-used "quick response" code to help thwart banknote forgers and criminals who sell bogus drugs or fake vintage wine.

The QR code is a square of black and white pixels that can be scanned by a smartphone, which then links to an Internet address.

It is being used more and more by museums and companies who want to provide additional information about an exhibition, product or service, but the idea here is to use it as a form of authentication.

Writing in the British jour-

nal Nanotechnology, materials engineers led by Jon Kellar at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology says their invention comprises a QR code made of nanoparticles that have been combined with blue and green fluorescent ink.

The code, generated with standard computer-aided design (CAD) equipment, is sprayed onto a surface -- paper, plastic film, office tape, glass -- using an aerosol jet printer.

It remains invisible until the object is illuminated by a near-infrared laser.

The nanoparticles absorb

photons at a non-visible wavelength but emit them in a visible wavelength, a trick called upconversion that causes the QR code to pop up almost like magic and allow itself to be scanned.

To see whether the code would stand some of the stresses of banknotes, the researchers printed it onto a piece of paper and then randomly folded it 50 times, without affecting its readability.

The technique is simple and not time-consuming, according to the scientists.

Printing en masse for commercial use would only take about 10-15 minutes.

"We have not as of yet done a critical review of costs, so we cannot say anything (about prices) at this point," said Kellar in response to a question.

Near-infrared lasers are quite cheap and easy to operate, and could be used for authentication "outside of the lab" provided the eyes are protected, he said.



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Top NASA officials, fellow astronauts, relatives and well-wishers paid a final tribute to Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, in a somber memorial ceremony Thursday in the US capital. A bagpiper led family members in a procession through the packed Washington National Cathedral, and there was then a US Navy honor guard for Armstrong, who was a Navy pilot before joining the space program. The celebrated astronaut, who died on August 25 at the age of 82, was decorated by 17 countries and received a slew of US honors, but was never comfortable with his fame and shied away from the limelight.



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15. Locale
16. CBS's eye, e.g.
17. Diamond measure
18. Snails
20. Perform surgery
22. Put forth
23. In case
25. Mineral suffix
26. Goes down swinging
31. Quarryman's unit
35. Luther's 95
36. Soupy meat dish
38. Rosary bead
39. Concrete reinforcer
40. "Prufrock"

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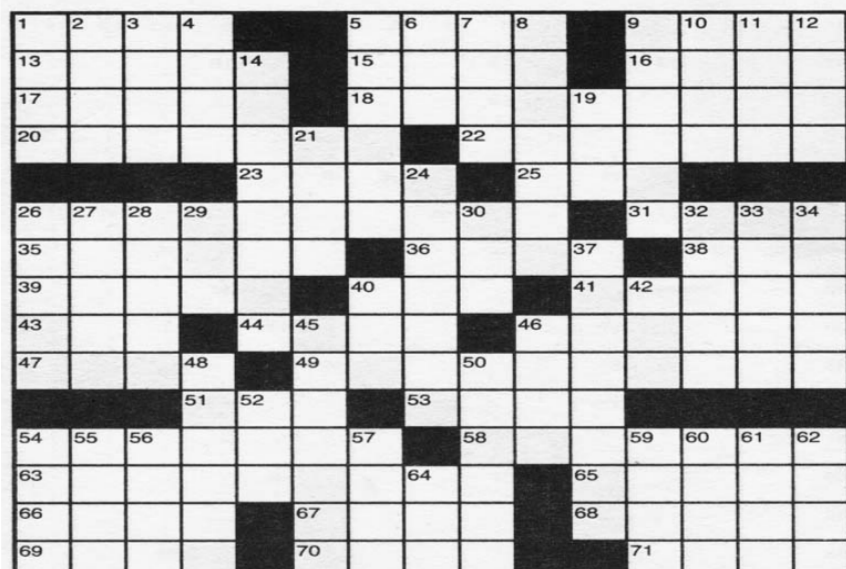
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44. Watery: prefix
46. Headless
47. Horseman's creator
49. Adjusts an inseam
51. "___ du lieber"
53. Halloween time
54. More nattily dressed
58. Pouncing
63. Wayward strand
65. Part of USNA
66. Bill of Rights defenders: abbr.
67. Garfield's stooge

68. Sister of Euterpe
69. Turns right
70. A stone's throw
71. TV interference

DOWN

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3. ___ over (study)
4. Sky twinkler
5. Make an appraisal
6. Diamond woman
7. Resting upon
8. Prepare a second draft
9. Gradients
10. "The Bridges at ___-Ri"
11. Ice and Stone
12. Winning

14. Stealthy pursuers
19. ___ shot
21. Duffer's pocketful
24. Swallow in one swig
26. Senator
27. First name in silents
28. Luke Skywalker or Robert E. Lee
29. "Love ___ Many Splendored Thing"
30. Four-wheel-drive vehicle, for short
32. Medieval scholar's tongue
33. ___-garde
34. Golfer Patty and composer Alban
37. B-29, e.g.
40. Robert Morse play
42. Govt. energy agcy.
45. Status in a hierarchy
46. Skye or Man, e.g.
48. Spring sign
50. Less genuine
52. Depression group: abbr.
54. Catch a fly
55. Cadence
56. Upset
57. Sally in space
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FINANCE

Fed sets new QE3 bond-buying program

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Federal Reserve yesterday set a new \$40 billion a month bond-buying program aimed at cutting long-term interest rates to boost the weak economy.

And it signaled, without setting a specific target, that monetary easing efforts would remain in place until it sees substantial improvement in the jobs market, where 8.1 percent of Americans remain unemployed.

Pointing to continued weak growth and stagnation in the jobs market, the Fed said it would spend \$40 billion on agency mortgage-backed securities each month in an open-ended operation targeted at boosting the moribund housing sector.

That would take the US central bank's total monthly purchases, including ongoing programs, to \$85 billion a month, the Fed said.

These actions "should put downward pressure on longer-term interest rates, support mortgage markets, and help to make broader financial conditions more accommodative," it said.

The Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's policy board, also pledged to keep its benchmark rate at the current near-zero level through mid-2015, at least six months longer than its earlier commitment.

"To support continued progress toward maximum employment and price stability, the Committee expects that a highly accommodative stance of monetary policy will remain appropriate for a considerable time after the eco-

nomie recovery strengthens," it said.

"If the outlook for the labor market does not improve substantially, the Committee will continue its purchases of agency mortgage-backed securities, undertake additional asset purchases, and employ its other policy tools as appropriate until such improvement is achieved in a context of price stability."

The FOMC said that the economy continues to expand at a "moderate" pace, but noted a slowdown in investment by businesses.

The FOMC said it was "concerned that, without further policy accommodation, economic growth might not be strong enough to generate sustained improvement in labor market conditions."

It also noted some vulnerability of the US economy to ongoing strains in global financial markets, a reference mainly to the ongoing eurozone crisis.

It said it expected inflation to remain under control, staying at or below the Fed's 2.0 percent target.

After months of debating whether to embark on new stimulus, most of the 12 member FOMC seemed to fall in line with chairman Ben Bernanke's worries that little ground was being made on the high jobless rate.

Bernanke two weeks ago called stagnation in the labor market "a grave concern," warning that "persistently high levels of unemployment will wreak structural damage on our economy that could last for many years."

Eurozone bailout fund clears another key German hurdle

BERLIN (AFP) - German President Joachim Gauck yesterday signed the 500-billion-euro (\$646-billion) eurozone bailout fund, paving the way for the ratification of a key weapon against the eurozone crisis.

Gauck's spokeswoman said he had signed the necessary documents for the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) and fiscal pact for greater budgetary discipline, but that a further step was needed for ratification.

"The federal president

needs to ratify the ESM treaty before it can legally come into force," the spokeswoman said.

For this to happen, the German government must integrate the conditions set out on Wednesday by the Constitutional Court regarding the ESM, she added.

In a landmark ruling watched around the world, the court Wednesday cleared Germany's participation in the ESM but capped its share of the pot at 190 billion euros and said any increase would have to be approved by parliament.

The government would "first read the judgement very carefully" and then "promptly decide" how to incorporate the court's decision into law, Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman, Steffen Seibert, told AFP.

Bernanke: Fed can't offset fiscal cliff shock

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned yesterday that the Fed does not have the means to offset the shock from the "fiscal cliff" plan for severe budget cuts and tax hikes scheduled for January 1.

"If the fiscal cliff isn't addressed, as I've said, I don't think our tools are strong enough to offset the effects of a major fiscal shock, so we'd have to think about what to do in that contingency," he said in a press conference.

"I think it's really important for the fiscal policymakers to work together and try to find a solution for that," he added.

US politicians agreed a year ago on the "fiscal cliff" austerity plan in a poison-pill political deal that was never intended to be followed through on.

The law requires sudden drastic spending cuts and tax increases from the beginning of 2013, which the Congressional Budget Office has warned will send the country into recession and force unemployment much higher.



US economic sanctions against Iran have slashed the country's crude exports and oil revenue, the US treasury said on Wednesday as it vowed to keep up the pressure on Tehran to prevent the Iranian government from getting nuclear weapons. Since the beginning of the year, the US has threatened to block certain foreign financial entities from the US markets unless Iran's major trading partners reduced their purchases of Iranian crude. US efforts have paid off with Iranian crude exports down to about 1 million barrels of oil per day from the approximately 2.4 million barrels last year, the US treasury said.



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Ron and Elina have a very congenial division of labor; he enjoys being bartender and playing around with his "cocktail of the day" while she sees to it that everyone is well satisfied with their meal. Chef Jan is in the kitchen doing his magic; patrons praise their spicy Firecracker Shrimp appetizer and mush-



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High end items on the menu, such as the Seafood Pasta, are only \$20.50. They also have a kid's menu with favorites such as a Kid's Burger, chicken fingers and Mac & Cheese; most items are only \$4. One regular described the place as particu-

larly "kid-friendly," with Elina, a mother herself, having devised a number of methods to keep young ones entertained. The menu has a range to please patrons who are in the mood for something simple while other can be indulgent gourmands.

Tuesday through Saturday evenings they have specialty nights at bargain rates. Tuesday is Schnitzel Night, with a choice of chicken or pork schnitzel prepared any of five ways, a platter with salad and side dish is \$17.50. Wednesday is "All you can eat grouper, prepared any of five ways, with veggies and side dish, \$19.50. Thursday they do it again with unlimited ribs done three ways for \$17.50 with salad, slaw and fries, Saturday means endless rib eye steak with salad and fries for \$19.50. Friday evening ends the work week with Karaoke Night, a convivial and fun evening when islanders kick back and let loose their inner rock star.

Barney's is located just next to the huge supermarket on the Palm Beach/Noord road, not far from the gas station. They are open from 5:00 to 11:00 PM and closed on Mondays. Check out their full menu at <http://www.barneysaruba.com> or call 586-5420 for reservations and directions.



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Every day she continues to work

Now the morning arrives
Her face is sad
She also heard the news
that she did not want to hear

She knows that there is no
income any more
She understands that she
has to go home (no job)

There are three mouths to feed
There is no borrowing either
She continues to work just as hard though

The afternoon comes that she has to
say goodbye
She gives me a strong hand
and with pride a big "abrazo"

Thank you she said
I do not know what to say
In my throat there is a lump
My eyes fill with tears
With the air between my lips
and teeth I also utter "thank you"

Now I see her walking home
Her back is bent a little from
the hard work
Her hands are covered with calluses
The only luggage she has is her pride
She raises her head and waves goodbye.

By: Roland W. Peterson



Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5

fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger. 5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from

SPORTS

Motorcycling: Pedrosa, Lorenzo battle heads for San Marino



MISANO (AFP) - Yamaha's Jorge Lorenzo is determined to reassert his world championship authority this weekend after a summer spent seeing his lead eaten away by in-form Honda rival, and fellow Spaniard, Dani Pedrosa.

Three races ago, Lorenzo had a 23-point lead at the top of the standings but Pedrosa's successive wins at Indianapolis and then a last-corner triumph at Brno have cut his advantage to 13 points.

Lorenzo will be buoyed, however, by having won with a dominant performance at the San Marino track 12 months ago while Pedrosa admits that the Misano circuit is not one of Honda's favourites.

"This year we've been very consistent, always in the first two positions. The last three races we couldn't win, but were very close," said Lorenzo.

Pedrosa knows that the San Marino circuit will provide Honda with a different challenge to recent races.

"Misano is a tricky track, quite bumpy, with a lot of

braking and acceleration. The grip level is always a challenge, because it changes a lot from the morning sessions to the afternoon," said Pedrosa.

Pedrosa, the winner on this track in 2010, will have a new teammate with Northern Ireland's Jonathan Rea, who currently races in the World Superbike Championship, replacing world champion Casey Stoner, who is recovering from surgery on his broken ankle.

Rea won in San Marino in Superbikes in 2009.

"When the request came from Honda to replace Casey I was a little bit surprised, but the chance to jump on a MotoGP bike, the best MotoGP bike in the world, was a nice feeling," said Rea.

Nine-time champion Valentino Rossi, meanwhile, who will end his unhappy stay with Ducati at the end of the season and return to Yamaha as Lorenzo's teammate for 2013, admitted on Thursday his time with the Italian team had been "difficult".

Rossi insists that his previ-

ous problems with Lorenzo are now a thing of the past, even admitting the Spaniard could have the quicker pace.

"I'm not sure I can be as fast as Lorenzo with the Yamaha. I think we will have less problems than in the past," he said.

"Lorenzo was very fair with my comeback. The important thing is to have fun riding the bike and have the chance to fight for the good positions."

Meanwhile, Lorenzo's current teammate Ben Spies of the United States will race for Ducati's satellite outfit Pramac in 2013 along with Italian Andrea Iannone.

The Italian manufacturer had already confirmed Andrea Dovizioso and Nicky Hayden as their factory riders for next season.

Volleyball: Karch Kiraly named US women's coach

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Karch Kiraly, arguably the greatest international volleyball player in history, has been named as the head coach of the US women's national team, USA Volleyball announced.

Kiraly served as an assistant coach of the US Olympic women's volleyball team that claimed the silver medal at this year's Summer Games in London.

"I have revered representing the USA and wearing the red, white and blue ever since my first experience with the junior national team at 16 years old," Kiraly said. "It is a tremendous honor to be asked to lead such a powerful volleyball program."

Kiraly will replace former head coach Hugh Mc-

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Cutcheon, who left to become coach of the women's team at the University of Minnesota.

The US women's team captured its second-straight Olympic silver medal by finishing with a 7-1 record at the London Games. Their only loss came in the gold medal game to Brazil.

Team USA is currently ranked No. 1 in the world, and Kiraly said he hopes to take the program to new heights.

Doug Beal, USA Volleyball chief executive, said Kiraly has made the switch from playing to coaching look easy.

Kiraly retired five years ago after a brilliant volleyball career that elevated him to the top of his profession.

The International Volleyball

Federation (FIVB) named him the greatest player of the sport's first century. He won Olympic gold in both beach and indoor volleyball, becoming the first player to do so. He is also the first in the history of the sport to win three gold medals in volleyball.

Team USA surpassed Brazil as the top ranked team in the world in November 2011. They finished with a 39-10 record in 2011.

As a player, Kiraly led the US men's team to the famed "Triple Crown" of volleyball -- winning the 1984 Olympic gold, the 1985 World Cup and 1986 World Championship titles.

He also won 148 beach volleyball tournaments, 144 of them in the United States.

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Ronaldo says he's focused on winning, not contract

MADRID (AFP) - Cristiano Ronaldo says he is focused on winning for Real Madrid and not on his contract, beating down speculation that he is unhappy with his reported 10-million-euro (\$13 million) salary.

Ronaldo shocked fans last week by declaring he was "sad" at the Spanish league champions without explaining why, except to insist later that it had nothing to do with money.

Top-selling Spanish sports daily Marca said this week that Real Madrid president Florentino Perez was ready to offer him 15 million euros a year, also without providing a source.

The paper says the star forward now earns 10 million euros and is 10th in the list of the world's best-paid footballers, with Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o of Russian side Anzhi Makhachkala on 20 million euros and new Paris Saint-Germain recruit Zlatan Ibrahimovic on 14.5 million euros.

Ronaldo, who joined Real Madrid on July 1, 2009, still has three years to run on his initial six-season contract.

Last week, the forward took to his Facebook page and Twitter to deny financial motives for his misery.

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Yankees, Orioles Win to Stay Tied for Lead in AL East Division

The New York Yankees and Baltimore Orioles logged one-run wins to remain locked together atop the American League East division with three weeks remaining in the Major League Baseball regular season.

The Yankees hung on for a 5-4 win against the Boston Red Sox and the Orioles had a run-scoring single in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 last night.

Curtis Granderson hit his



Jose Iglesias #58 of the Boston Red Sox throws to first base after fielding a ground ball against the New York Yankees

36th and 37th home runs of the season for the Yankees and Robinson Cano added his career-high 30th homer at Fenway Park in Boston.

Nate McLouth drove in the winning run at Camden Yards to give Baltimore their second straight win over the Rays. The Yankees and Orioles are both 80-62 for the season.

The Rays are three games behind the Yankees and Orioles in the AL East, and also are three games back in the race for an AL wild-card berth. The Oakland Athletics (82-60) top the wild-card standings after winning 4-1 against the Los Angeles Angels (77-66), who are 3 1/2 games back. The top two non-division winners in each league earn wild-card spots in the postseason.

A solo home run by Granderson and a two-run hit by Cano in the top of the fourth gave New York a 3-0 lead before James Loney cut the advantage to two runs with a run-scoring single in the bottom of the inning.

Granderson made it 5-1 with a two-run shot in the seventh

before Jarrod Saltalamacchia scored on Mauro Gomez's ground out and Mike Aviles added a one-run double in the bottom of the inning. Boston got its final run in the ninth on a home run by Saltalamacchia, who went 3-for-3 to get a base hit in every at-bat for the first time in his career.

The AL-leading Texas Rangers improved to 85-57 with a 5-2 home win over the Cleveland Indians, while the Detroit Tigers won 8-6 at the White Sox to pull within one game of Chicago in the AL Central.

In the National League, East division leader Washington won 2-0 at the New York Mets to improve to an MLB-best 89-54. The Mets have lost six straight games.

Central leader Cincinnati (87-57) won 2-1 at home against the Pittsburgh Pirates, who also lost their sixth straight game.

The Los Angeles Dodgers (74-69) missed an opportunity to improve their playoff chances after the Atlanta Braves (81-63) lost 8-2 to the

Milwaukee Brewers and the San Diego Padres won 3-2 against the St. Louis Cardinals (75-68). The Dodgers lost 3-2 to the Arizona Diamondbacks, leaving Los Angeles a game behind Atlanta and St. Louis in the wild-card standings.

The San Francisco Giants (81-62) won 8-3 against the Colorado Rockies to extend their lead over the Dodgers atop the NL West to seven games.

Pacquiao eyes another Marquez fight

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Filipino superstar Manny Pacquiao is in talks for a fourth fight against rival Juan Manuel Marquez, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The Times, citing sources close to the ongoing negotiations, said Pacquiao's next fight will be December 8 in Las Vegas and Marquez is a likely opponent.

Pacquiao (54-4-2, 38 KOs) was also in negotiations for a rematch against Tim Bradley but that fell through and he is now considering Marquez.

Pacquiao defeated Mexico's Marquez in a majority decision in November, the latest in a string of hotly-contested close fights between the warriors.

The Times said boxing promoter Bob Arum plans to have each fighter sign the deal Tuesday in Los Angeles when they appear for a news conference.

Pacquiao is 2-0-1 against Marquez.

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Merkel tells gay German footballers it's OK to come out

BERLIN (AFP) - German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Thursday became the latest high-profile figure to tell gay footballers they should have no fear of revealing their homosexuality.

"I am of the opinion that anyone who sums up the strength and bravery -- and we have a long tradition of this behind us in politics -- should know that they live in a land where they have nothing to fear," said

Merkel at a forum in Berlin to discuss integration in sport.

"The fact that there are still fears for some people for their own situation means we need to send out a clear message: you must not be afraid."



President of FC Bayern Munich Uli Hoeness (L) listens while German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks at a press conference for the launch of the "Geh Deinen Weg" (Go your own way) campaign for integration at the Chancellery in Berlin.

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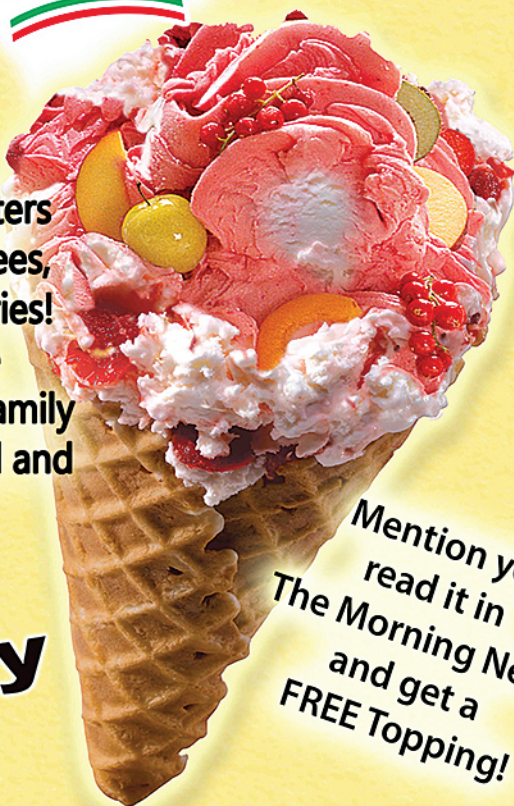
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While senior political figures, such as German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle and Berlin's mayor Klaus Wowereit, have come out, no current German Bundesliga footballer has revealed his homosexuality.

Bayern Munich president Uli Hoeness said it is only a matter of time before a Bundesliga player comes out.

"It will happen, sooner or later. All clubs are advised to prepare for this topic, so they will have good answers," said Hoeness, speaking at the same Berlin forum as Merkel under the slogan "Go your own way".

Hoeness also said it will be crucial to "protect as much as necessary" any footballer who admits he is gay, but the subject is not new in German football.

Back in 2009, former German Football Federation (DFB) president Theo Zwanziger first said footballers should be supported if they want to come out and he repeated himself when he left office in January.

Last year, Germany striker Mario Gomez said openly gay footballers "would play as if they had been liberated. Being

gay should no longer be a taboo topic."

But national team captain Philipp Lahm advised against it: "An openly gay footballer would be exposed to abusive elements," he told German magazine Bunte last year.

"For someone who does (come out), it would be very difficult."

But a homosexual Bundesliga footballer, who insisted on anonymity, told German magazine Fluter he faces a daily battle of fear and denial, insisting he would not feel safe if his sexuality was revealed.

"The price you have to pay for living the dream of playing in the Bundesliga is immense," he said.

"I have to be an actor and I have to lie to myself every day.

"This wasn't a problem to begin with, but it has become increasingly difficult over time.

"I really don't know if I can live under the constant pressure of having to be a heterosexual showcase player, whilst the danger of being exposed is lurking in the background, for the rest of my career."